

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant submits this amendment in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2007.

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 5, 7, 10, 16 and 18 that are pending in the present application. Claims 5, 7, 10, 16 and 18 have been amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments.


In the Office Action, claims 13-15 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jackson (U.S. 2,430,817). Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 13-15, 17, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McCracken (U.S. 6,168,507). By the present amendment, applicant hereby cancels, without prejudice, claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 13-15, 17, 19 and 20.

Claims 5, 7, 10, 16 and 18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, applicant has amended claims 5, 7, 10, 16 and 18. These claims have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, applicant submits that these claims are now allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims. Also, applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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